



## CITY OF MELROSE

## Inspection Services

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Via electronic mail

R: 386 Main Street

Dear Applicant,

I have reviewed your building application and plan to replace the signage pylon. The rendering you submitted with your application shows the proposal will have an LED display.

The property is located in the BA2 district. The rendering you provided shows a LED sign displaying gas prices. This type of signage is prohibited in Melrose.

**Therefore, your proposal violates §235-30. A. (1) -** Moving, changing or flashing signs and signs illuminated by or including any flashing, projecting or oscillating light; billboards and off-premises signs; electronic billboards and reader boards; and strings of pennants or so-called "whirlygigs" and the like. Flashing or animated signs of any color or light source, including but not limited to incandescent, neon, fluorescent, light emitting diode (LED) and plasma, shall not be permitted.

Based on the above-noted violations, your building permit application is denied.

Before this office issues a permit for this proposal, you must obtain a variance for §235-30. A. (1) of the Ordinance from the Melrose ZBA.

To the extent this determination aggrieves you, you may appeal as outlined in § 235-60.C of the Ordinance.

Very truly yours,

Albert Talarico  
Director of Inspectional Services  
Building Commissioner  
Zoning Officer